Boston, March 7, 1848.

My dear Sir,

In the parcel, in which I design to place this, I send for yourself & others a number of the 16th Ann. Report of the Massachusetts Anti Slavery Society. It was drawn up by Mr. Quincy, and is a valuable sketch of the Anti Slavery history of the year 1847. I add a few other pamphlets, which you may be pleased to see. Will you accept a little volume of James R. Lowell's poetry? Are you a lover of poetry? I suppose, I am not; but true poetry nevertheless stirs me deeply. Some of Lowell's affects me thus, and I hope you may find enough of interest to repay you for cutting the leaves. I shall be glad to know how you like "Evangeline" which we sent to you a month since by the box which took out the Liberty Bells and Bazaar Gazettes. I trust that box, containing parcels for every quarter of G. B. & Ireland, reached Mr. Webb safely, and that the said parcels have gone to their respective destinations before this time. I send also, herewith, a little volume "Naomi", which my children wish to

offer to your daughter for her acceptance. It has been received with a good deal of favour in our community. The authoress is not the Mrs. Lee, who wrote the Lives of Luther & Cranmer, The Huguenots, Three Eminents of Livings, &c. and who has contributed a paper or two to Howitt's Journal. This lady, (the authoress of Naomi) is a sister of the late Rev. Joseph S. Buckminster. For two years she has been a resident of an Institution for the Insane, not on account of common insanity, but because of an unfortunate & uncontrollable habit of using opium, which rendered it, at last, absolutely necessary to lay this restraint upon her. I know not but the knowledge of this will detract from the pleasure you otherwise might have, in reading her book; yet I thought it only right to tell you what is well known here. In the first pages of the book she alludes to the site of the Asylum (in Somerville) of which she is an inmate, as also to that of Harvard College, in Cambridge, about 2 miles distant.

My children - and my wife and myself also - take great pleasure in the volumes of Chambers's Miscellany, which your daughter is so kind as to send us. They are all re-published in this city, but not in so neat a form as Chambers's own issue.

Hoping that this box (which I forward by the 10th packet ship "Ocean Monarch") will not be so long on the waters as those boxes which contained yours exquisitely beautiful donations to our Anti-Slavery Fair — and with sincere regards to all my Bristol friends,

I am, most faithfully
Yours
Sam[t]. Allen &c.

Also, in this parcel are two copies of the 2[d] Edition of William W. Brown's ~~of his~~ Narrative. Having heard us often speaking of yourselves and other Transatlantic friends, he requested me to inscribe the names of a few in copies of his book, & ~~send~~ forward them as tokens of his respect.

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